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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the original filing of February 20, 2004. Claims 1, 7, 12, 21 and 31 are independent claims. Claims 1-36 are pending and have been considered below.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 11 and 30 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 11 and 30 are the product claim (i.e. computer-readable media) that refers back to Claims 7 and 21. The Office considers any claim that refers to another claim as dependent thereon, i.e. a dependent claim. Since Claims 7 and 21 are method claim comprising four steps and Claims 11 and 30 fails to add, delete, or change any of these steps, Claims 11 and 30 fails to further limit its parent claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andy Rathbone, (Windows XP for Dummies, 2001).

Claims 1 and 7: Rathbone discloses a user interface and method comprising:

a) a logon page configured to display one or more selectable logon controls each having a corresponding user-identifiable indicator(Fig. 4-1);

b) a desktop page configured to display in response to a selectable logon control being selected, the desktop page further configured to display user-selectable controls in one or more regions of the desktop page and display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control (e. g., Andy Rathbone, Fig. 4-3; Fig. 4-1);

c) a transition from the logon page to the desktop page, the transition configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the transition (Fig. 4-3: “Andy Rathbone”).

Claims 2 and 8: Rathbone discloses a user interface and method as recited in claim 1 and 7, further disclose the user-identifiable indicator is a user name corresponding to the selectable logon control for a user identified by the user name, and wherein the user

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name is displayed uninterrupted throughout the transition from the logon page to the desktop page (Fig. 10-13: "Andy Rathbone").

Claims 3 and 9: Rathbone discloses a user interface as recited in claim 1 and 7, further disclose the user-identifiable indicator is an image corresponding to the selectable logon control, and wherein the image is displayed uninterrupted throughout the transition from the logon page to the desktop page ("transition to desktop page": from the logon screen, after logging in: Fig. 4-1).

Claims 4 and 5: Rathbone discloses a user interface as recited in claim 1, further disclose the user-identifiable indicator is an image corresponding to the selectable logon control, and wherein the image transforms to a full-size page display while being displayed uninterrupted throughout the logon page to the desktop page (Fig. 10-12).

Claims 6: Rathbone disclose a user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the logon page is further configured to display the one or more selectable logon controls each having corresponding user information and wherein the transition is further configured to display the user information corresponding to the selectable logon control (shows Current user's name, Browse the Web with Internet Explorer, etc.) interrupted throughout the transition (Fig. 10-12).

Claims 10: Rathbone discloses a method as recited in claim 7, wherein displaying the logon page includes displaying the logon page of the one or more selectable logon controls that each have corresponding user information, and wherein the transitioning includes displaying the user information corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the transitioning from the logon page to the desktop page (Fig. 4-1 and Fig. 10-13).

Claims 11 and 30: Rathbone discloses one or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computing device to perform the method of claim 7 and 21 (Fig 4-1).

Claims 12, 21 and 31: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, one or more computer readable media, further comprising:

- a) a logon page configured to display one or more selectable logon controls each having a corresponding user-identifiable indicator (Fig. 4-1);
- b) a desktop page configured to display user-selectable controls in one or more regions of the desktop page and display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to a selected one of the one or more selectable logon controls (Andy Rathbone, Kitty, Tina Rathbone, and Guest) (Fig 4-3); and

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c) a start page configured to display before the desktop page and in response to the selectable logon control being selected on the logon page, the start page further configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control and display one or more of the user-selectable controls from any of the one or more regions of the desktop page (Fig. 4-3).

Claims 13 and 22: Rathbone discloses a user interface as recited in claim 12 and 21, further comprising a transition from the logon page to the start page, the transition configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the transition (Fig. 4-1 and Fig. 10-13: "Andy Rathbone").

Claims 14 and 23: Rathbone discloses a user interface as recited in claim 12 and 21, further comprising a transition from the start page to the desktop page, the transition configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the transition (Fig. 4-1 and Fig. 10-13: "Andy Rathbone").

Claims 15 and 24: Rathbone discloses a user interface as recited in claim 12 and 21, further comprising:

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a) a first transition from the logon page to the start page, the first transition configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the first transition (Fig. 4-3; "Andy Rathbone"); and

b) a second transition from the start page to the desktop page, the second transition configured to display the user-identifiable indicator corresponding to the selectable logon control uninterrupted throughout the second transition (Fig. 4-3; "Kitty").

Claims 16, 25 and 32: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, and one or more computer readable media, as recited in claim 12, 21 and 31, the desktop page is further configured to display regional information in one or more of the regions of the desktop page, and wherein the start page is further configured to display the regional information from any of the one or more regions of the desktop page (Fig. 10-14).

Claims 17, 26 and 34: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, and one or more computer readable media, as recited in claim 12, 21 and 31, further the user-identifiable indicator is a user name corresponding to the selectable logon control for a user identified by the user name, and wherein the user name is displayed uninterrupted throughout a first transition from the logon page to the start page and continues to be displayed uninterrupted throughout a second transition from the start page to the desktop page (Fig. 4-3; "Andy Rathbone").

Claims 18, 27 and 35: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, and one or more computer readable media, as recited in claim 12, 21 and 31, further the user-identifiable indicator is an image corresponding to the selectable logon control, and wherein the image is displayed uninterrupted throughout a first transition from the logon page to the start page and continues to be displayed uninterrupted throughout a second transition from the start page to the desktop page (Fig. 4-3; "Kitty").

Claims 19, 28 and 36: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, and one or more computer readable media, as recited in claim 12, 21 and 31, further the logon page is further configured to display the one or more selectable logon controls each having corresponding user information, and wherein the user information corresponding to the selectable logon control is displayed uninterrupted throughout a first transition from the logon page to the start page and continues to be displayed uninterrupted throughout a second transition from the start page to the desktop page (Fig. 4-3; "Kitty").

Claims 20, 29 and 33: Rathbone discloses a user interface, method, and one or more computer readable media, as recited in claim 12, 21 and 31, further the desktop page includes at least one of a taskbar region, a sidebar region, and a start menu region, and wherein the start page is further configured to display the one or more user-selectable controls from any of the taskbar region, sidebar region, and start menu region of the desktop page (Fig. 10-14).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Kiran K. Shrestha whose telephone number is (571) 270-1691. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

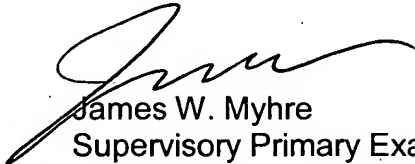
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James W. Myhre, can be reached on (571) 270-1065. The fax phone number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 2100 is (571) 273-3800. Draft or Informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (571) 273-6722.

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